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Submission Time:

April 2020 RAC feedback (Northern Region)  
March 28, 2020 8:15 am

**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** Can you make this a party of two to four hunters?

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

While I support this proposal, I do have a couple concerns.

First of all, thank you for what you all do, and thank you for providing us with the best possible public process during this pandemic.

This is a great opportunity for hunters to be able to pursue an animal that many may never draw in their lifetime.

That said, I don't think this is a proper tool to try and reduce point creep.

To make this effective, you need as many hunters on the ground as possible, and such a deterrent--especially the lifetime waiting period--will most certainly stop the vast majority of would-be bison hunters from attempting this hunt.

It's already a VERY difficult hunt, and most likely limited only to hunters with access to pack animals, and hunters who are in extremely good shape.

A couple other key points to consider.

1) Our bonus point system is used in Limited Entry hunts... This is not a limited entry hunt, there is no limit on who, or how many can purchase the tag.

2) The lifetime waiting period is only for once in a lifetime hunts... This is very likely a hunt that will continue for several seasons, and as such, this is not a once in a lifetime hunt, and that waiting period should not apply.

All that said, if the waiting period and bonus points were only forfeited if the hunter is successful, then perhaps I could consider that a fair compromise.

Thanks for taking the time to read this.

PS: since this is the only comment I have regarding the proposals, can I suggest you read the comments people have given? (provided they're suitable for air time)

With the extreme circumstances causing the meeting to be closed from public--in person--comment, I would like to hear the comments of other sportsmen, as well as those of the sportsman's groups that will be submitted while I'm watching the meeting from home.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

This is a curiosity question, but with the devastation of the antelope in Rich county--enough to cause Deseret to completely stop hunting doe antelope--why in the world are there doe antelope tags being offered in that unit? In the 5 weeks of deer and elk hunting I did in that area last year, we only saw two antelope the entire time.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** Thanks for this opportunity to share my feelings on this. As I think about Limited Entry permits, I think "less people" hunting around me. I also think about the quality of the animals I'm am hunting and ultimately my freezer being filled with some very quality meat. Any LE tags I have had in the past provided me plenty of time to look over the landscape and locate animals that met my quality standard. Even if I didn't take this opportunity to do my scouting prior to the hunt.

I understand your concerns, as listed in the presentation and desire a zero population of bison in this unit, it makes more sense to me to incorporate a bison plan rather than try to kill them all off, which won't happen anyway. The herd will continue to migrate into this area forever.

By allowing unlimited permits when the BLM and other agencies are limiting access will create a terrible mess for the BLM and others, as the permit holders will be pressuring them in a very big way to gain access, they will ultimately be forced to increase access permits which will end up undermining the reasons they have for limiting access in the first place.

AND lastly, to take my points away after all these years of me trying to get a tag for a place I know I can access easily for scouting and hunting is a terrible idea. This proposal, should it be accepted will only end up being a "rich mans" hunt with guide services providing access via helicopter drop hunts. And this will further infuriate the BLM and other agencies.

Thanks again for this opportunity to speak up. Wynn Zundel, Willard, Utah

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

I don't think there are enough antelope on the Cache Rich unit to justify a doe antelope hunt, right now.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** The Oakley, UT specific area antlerless deer and elk are thriving as huntable land deminishes. Herds are continually increasing in the local area causing issues. I believe the elk permit numbers are good, but we need to thin out some does please, possibly 50 or so would help greatly. Considering most of the land isnt easily accessible, or private, I believe muzleloader hunt would be a great way to do it and run them at the same time.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** DWR should consider closing all deer hunting seasons in Rich County. There are no deer. Any hunting that does take place should be 4 point bucks or larger. To many permits just encourages the harvest of smaller animals so hunters can get their " money's worth." Giver the herd a chance to make a come back.

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37?** I oppose all CWMU hunts. No one should profit off game herds regardless of land ownership.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I miss the days of the 3 point or better units. I agree there needs to be management control to increase the deer population, but it seems like re-implementing the 3-point or better rule would still give more hunters the opportunity to pursue an animal while still reducing the number of harvested deer. I've heard the reason of decommissioning the 3-point stipulation was the amount of wasted game. Wouldn't that come with a poaching citation? I've still never seen the quantity or quality of deer since revoking those 3-point or better rules. Please consider reinstating the 3-point or better areas.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** Feel free to issue permits for a nuisance city he'd in the hollow west of oak ridge country club. About a dozen that destroy trees, flowers, vines, and shrubs throughout the year. Thx

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Cut more deer tags

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

Why not let hunters who bump into Mountain Lions while hunting give them the option to use their deer or elk tag to tag the Mtn Lion? They can no longer hunt the animal the tag was intended for if they tag a Mountain Lion.

**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:**

I support the proposal

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:**

I am neutral on the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

Hold the big game draw later in the year if you cant get tag recommendations done before the application deadline in March.

There needs to be more reductions in general season mule deer tags. The herds are not in good shape.

Why are tags on the South Cache LE Elk cut? Why aren't you cutting GS spike tags if LE tags are being reduced every other year?

Establish a Mountain Goat herds on the Wellsville, and Mt Noami ranges. Need more opportunity for Mountain Goats. They seem less prone to the diseases that sheep get.

STOP with the 15000 General season any bull tags. Make them a draw like general season deer. More people would appreciate seeing more elk and more branch antlered bulls with the opportunity at a smaller bulls.

If antler point restrictions don't work for deer. Why is there spike elk hunts? Does it work for elk?

LE Archery Elk needs to be during the rut. LE Rifle Elk should be during the LE Muzzleloader Elk season. LE Muzzleloader should be in october.

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I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

If the Limited Entry Elk tags on the South Cache are being cut again! Why aren't you cutting more cow elk tags? Why did you add private land cow elk tags?

I like the opportunity for ewe sheep tags, I hope it is sustainable and possible in more units.

Why are ewe sheep part of the antlerless draw but cow bison, and nanny goats are not?

I propose making Cow Moose, Ewe Sheep once-in-a-lifetime antlerless draw. Does not ruin your chance at drawing the ram or bull of that species.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

Please offer more cougar permits. Every year I see more and more and now that you are reducing the number of deer permits by over 9000. Reduce the amount of lions which make deer contribute to nearly 90% of their diet. We need more lions taken. Now I know the lion hunt happens in the winter and spring. Can you have it going the same time as people are out in the field hunting deer and elk? It gives the division more money, it gives hunters more opportunity and if the harvest objective is met similar to how swans are met meaning if more females are taken then it is shut down for the year.

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I am neutral on the proposal

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:**

I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

Reducing deer permits by over 9,000 permits for people who already put in is a bad idea. I support the division and granted I am an n of 1 but last year was the best hunt we had on the Oquirrh stansbury. We had plenty of chances at mature deer if you know where to find them. We also saw plenty of does and fawns. We did see plenty of lions and coyotes which should be managed better on this unit. I would like to see the break down by firearm meaning archery, rifle and muzzleloader. I sure hope the archery Hunt doesn't get cut back on tags. Success rates are low with archery equipment anyways. My suggestion turn more units that surround busy residential areas into archery only units. The wasatch front since being closed down to rifle hunters has turned into a premium unit potential. Most archery deer hunters I know want to take mature deer. The units around bountiful, the oquirhs should be the same to let big deer grow and herds develop. Please don't give fewer tags to archery hunters on the oquirrh stansbury units. The graph you showed that hunters are increasing and the demand is increasing but you want to lower permits does t make sense. I get that you want a healthy herd and a good buck to do ratio. I have never seen it as good as it has been the last few years. With the near average winter this year I expect to see good healthy numbers of bucks and deer on that u it if I draw a tag. Thank you! I would buy a cougar permit if I could have that in my pocket at the same time by the way.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?** Until the insane deer population is brought under control leave the damn cougars & bears alone.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Curious why the cutback on tags for box elder county for deer? You people are absolutely clueless on the deer population up here. Over the last winter there was probably well over 100 hit & killed through box elder county cause the deer population is out of control. There was 14 hit & killed on hwy 89 within 10 days in a half mile. I've contacted you people multiple times over the years about the deer & I always get the same reply cause you people don't have a clue & the reply is "there isn't a deer problem up here". Got 2 words to that B.S. There was 2 guys in DNR trucks on the side of hwy 89 a few weeks ago on my way home from work around 130am & I stopped to make sure everything was ok. 1 guy was a bit of a grouch but he made me LMAO cause he said the deer will be gone until next Fall cause they'll be back in the mountains. News flash I drive from Brigham to Ogden daily & see deer ALL YEAR LONG on the hwy & interstate day & night. That's right I see them in the afternoons & at night. Hell 1 ran into the side of my parents jeep at 3:30PM. The local police & insurance companies will agree with me about the insane deer population. It's funny around 5 years ago a cougar ran across the hwy in front of me on my way home from work. I mentioned it to a cop & he said there's 3 roaming around & they're leaving them alone as long as they leave people alone cause they're helping with the deer population cause DNR refuses to. How about you people start doing your job & getting the deer population under control.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** Brad's the man!!

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I support the reduction and hope that it applies to CWMUs as well. I would also support at least one more year of reduced tag numbers.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

I understand that antlerless animals cause issues when they decide to move into people's yards, but I do not see the need for landowners, who have isolated parcels, to receive depredation for antlerless deer permits. Antlerless elk are more understandable due to damage caused to fences, range ground, etc.. That being said, I would like to see the division take a stricter approach when it comes to hunting antlerless deer in the winter-impacted units, namely, Chalk Creek, Morgan, South Rich, Cache, East Canyon, and Ogden. I have watched the herds for decades and have realized they are simply too volatile. One bad winter or drought can put us in a bad situation. Again, I understand that problem animals that congregate in yards and around roads cause issues, but at the same time, people chose to live amongst them and the herds shouldn't have to suffer because of that.

With elk, I would propose that the cow season only runs to January 15th instead of January 31. My concern is not for the elk, but for the deer that are inadvertently pressured by cow elk hunters. Those last couple weeks are crucial for deer as everyone knows. A reduction in the timeframe would help alleviate pressures already apparent from any given winter.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I don't love the fact that there will be less tags this year but I can't argue with the points that are being made.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** If there is any way for the DWR to give some sort of avenue to connect public hunters with private land owners who are willing to have people hunt elk on their property it would be very helpful. Alot of those private lands elk tags go to the friends and family's of private land owners and no one else.

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**Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37?** The more tags given to the public the better.

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:**

I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

Does the state feel that they have a better success rate in Harvesting the correct number of predators by moving limited entry Cougar tags to split units? H.B. 125 according to the slide "Allow big game hunter to harvest predators" with the appropriate permits during big game hunting seasons" why don't we do something similar to Idaho where if you are hunting deer or elk and you come upon a mountain lion or Bear you can harvest the animal. You will not be able to harvest your deer or elk now which is a double win for the prey population. I understand that we don't want to let the public have free reign on the predators. So i would suggest that the state would establish a quote like they do on the harvest objective units and once the quota is met the tags are no longer convertible. As i have asked hunters about a proposal like this even if it was limited to specific units they have all said that would be great. Over the past 5 years I have not gone a season with out seeing a mountain lion or bear working through the areas where I use to see more deer. I would gladly put my tag on a Bear or Mountain Lion instead of a deer. I feel that we need to be much more liberal in offering hunting opportunities on large predators.

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I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

While I support the Proposal to try and remove / relocate a herd of buffalo that is in an area that we don't want. I see this hunt as a very risky hunt for the hunters since the hunter has to hope for multiple stars to align. Some of these stars are the animals have to come in while the hunter still has access and then the hunter must get to the animals before other hunters push them back onto the Indian Land. If any of these stars is out of alignment for the hunter they will end up with tag soup. Also some of the areas in this unit require permits to access will the hunter be guaranteed access?

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

As an avid hunter I never thought I would be an advocate for reducing tags but as I look at the charge that Mr Jones showed for the states deer population objective we have had two time in the past 28 years that we have been within 100,000 animals. It is estimated that we currently have 321,150 deer in the states entire herd but we want to have a population objective. I may be wrong when I hear a population objective I assume that this means we want to average around this number not have it be the ultimate ceiling. If my assumption is correct that we do want to have our average population be around 453,100 we need to be considering more drastic changes than a 10% change. During the Board meeting where they talked about Bear tags. One of the board members made a motion to drastically increase the number of bear tags in an effort to help the deer herds. His plead was we need to do something today that is meaningful and significant. If we go year after year making small changes to the number of tags we wont have a significant impact for a number of years. With this argument in mind I ask is a 10% decrease in tags enough? Or do we need to take a larger cut this year and possible the next so that we can get our deer herd to a place where we can have both more opportunities and higher quality hunts. We need to think about the long term goal of our deer herds not just making people happy today by giving them a tag. The people are already mad about the number of deer in our herd that is why their is a proposed change to how we manage predators.

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Deblois:**

I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

We should limit the number of predators to the minimum possible number. Then we can let the ultimate predators (humans) manage the game animals.

It is ridiculous that driving to my Ranch I see more predators than big game. predators are supposedly "hard to find". I can find way more than I can game and that is a problem. Also do something about the wolf population in Utah. I know you claim they are not here but they are. I know biologist claimed they wouldn't migrate from Yellowstone but they have. Please stop the wolves!

Additionally as a cattle rancher I would rather my land be grazed by game than my cattle eaten by predators. The predators are hard on my animals. Biologist claim that predators think out the sick and the weak. This is false my cattle that have been killed is the young and the animals trying to defend the young. Not a single sick animal has been killed. I have had to sell the sick to market to get rid of them.

**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:**

I am neutral on the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

I feel we should have bison everywhere so that it is no longer a once in a lifetime hunt! Other States like Alaska have a huge opportunity for bison hunting. We need to manage it so we can have opportunity for everyone to hunt Bison!

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

We need to let the game population get large. That way we can go back to the old days of 200,000 hunters at deer season. Stop hunting antlerless and stop providing depredation hunts. When farmers are having issues with game capture them and transplant them to areas that need improved herds. Larger herds also equal more opportunity. I hate the buck to doe ratio you manage by. I could have only 100 doe and you would allow hunts because I have 30 bucks. If we have 5000 doe and 300 bucks well...that is more opportunity for everyone. It is not managed at your buck/doe ratio but still provides more opportunity.

We should allow the once in a lifetime animal population get so large we do not have to have a once in a lifetime hunt. These animals are also the ones that would make Utah a premiere hunting state and bring an income to the state by having hunters come from all over to hunt these animals.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

We need to STOP the antlerless hunts. The antlerless animals are key to the herd sizes. Years ago DWR promised they wouldn't hunt antlerless. Well you have.. Let the herd get huge and then let humans manage it by hunting the male game.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

STOP HUNTING ANTLERLESS GAME!

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?** We are taking too many antlerless animals both elk and deer, with few exceptions. We should not be selling cow tags at all in areas where herds are small. South Slope Yellowstone unit in particular has few elk and deer, there should be no cow tags or doe tags and the Kamas unit should have no doe tags.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

I am all for being able to decrease predator numbers when appropriate, and am happy the director can make that call (with provisions).

As a side note, I am baffled by why Kamas is a limited entry cougar area? I can understand why you might make areas with a lot of private land (that isn't farmland) limited entry, like chalk creek and the oquirrhs, since accessing the prey animals is sometimes limited and the increased cougar numbers might control the population, but in an area like Kamas where it seems there are so few deer - or at least very low success rates, it would be nice not to have a ton of cougars taking deer as well - unless this unit really is up to carrying capacity. Last November I hiked up one of the mountains in Kamas and saw what I am pretty confident where about 5 different sets of cougar tracks in one line up the mountain. That seems like a lot. That said, thank you for decreasing the deer permits on this unit for this year, but it seems like removing some cougars might help even more. It just seems like anything that can be done to help this unit would be good.

**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:**

I am neutral on the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

I just have a few questions. I would normally lean towards updating the management plan to allow for animal range expansion, if at all possible, and without creating conflict. In this case it sounds like that is not the possible, however, being in such remote areas is there really risk of them coming in contact with cattle?

How many permits will be offered? And, will you assist hunters by telling them when animals with gps collars have entered the areas?

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

I support this for the most part. Above all, thank you for lowering the number of buck deer permits this year! I know the numbers only show 4k fewer successful hunters last year, but it was really tough out there, and seemed like significantly fewer deer. I am happy to wait another year to hunt in order to potentially have more animals.

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

I am not sure if I support this proposal, but I do have a lot of questions from it:

Deer

With regard to the 100\* / 200 antlerless deer permits on the south slope, are those restricted to a very small area? How does it help the CWD issue? Is the attempt to kill all the deer in a certain area - as that seems the only way it would help?

Elk

Why isn't there consideration to increase the population objective on some of these areas where we are above objective, and there isn't detriment to the landscape or other interests - namely SS Yellowstone or SS diamond? Also, how do you figure out down to such specific numbers the carrying capacity without trying it out? And would there really be a huge crash if you attempted to bump up to a carrying capacity a little at a time and carefully watched the body and land conditions?

I was also a little confused about why permits were increased on some areas where it is below carrying capacity

For example, why the increase on Kamas where the pop obj is 850 and current population is 700?

Ogden is about the same percentage below population objective as Kamas and had a huge decrease in permits. Couldn't we make Ogden like 65 and Kamas 200, or Ogden 125 and Kamas 100?

These are out of my region, so feel free to ignore, but I was curious about:

Book cliffs - confused about the recruitment statement

Up against carrying capacity for elk

So killing more to see average age of harvest?

Beaver, Southwest Desert, Zion, over objective, and decreasing permits?? Should the objective be raised?

Fish Lake under objective and increasing permits 5000-5900 / 4750 / 90 / 110. I am just interested in what the issues are there.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?**

I think I am in support of all of these. However, I will say that I had a pretty poor experience as a public hunter on an antlerless CWMU unit in 2018, and don't plan to ever do that again.

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37?** Not sure. I am not sure there was enough detail on the potential ramifications for me to have an opinion.

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Form Name:  
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April 2020 RAC feedback (Northern Region)  
April 4, 2020 7:11 am

**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** Manage for higher buck to doe ratio statewide please... I agree with the other proposals...

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

April 2020 RAC feedback (Northern Region)  
April 4, 2020 5:15 pm

**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Deblois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

To: Members of the Regional Advisory Counsel's

Utah Wild Sheep Foundation has reviewed, on a unit by unit basis, the DWR recommendations for Bighorn Sheep ("BHS") permits for the 2020 season. As an organization, we are excited about the overall increase in permit numbers and believe it reflects the hard work and commitment made to BHS recovery by the DWR and related sportsmen/conservation groups. We also understand and support the need to reduce permit numbers on certain units, as necessary, in order to maintain age objectives, overall population health and quality hunting experiences for these much sought after hunting permits.

We would like to express our concern In regards to several units in the state that we consider "recovering" populations. These populations of both Desert and California Bighorn have all suffered catastrophic disease events, which resulted in substantial declines in overall population and resultant permit numbers. The limited hunting opportunities that remain have been very difficult, at best, with substantial financial and time commitments required, in very difficult terrain, to have a reasonable opportunity for harvest. As these populations recover, we feel it is appropriate to have a more conservative approach in respect to increased permit numbers, in order to ensure continued population recovery and quality hunting opportunities.

- San Juan subunits-last year there were 3 permits issued with 1 successfully filled. There are 5 permits being recommended for 2020.
- Dirty Devil-last year there were 2 permits issued and there are 6 permits being recommended for 2020. Although both hunters were successful in 2019, they hunted with extremely knowledgeable guides and spent considerable time afield. There has also been a consistent decrease in the age class of rams harvested on this unit, over the past 4 years.
- Stansbury Mtns-last year there were 3 permits issued and there are 5 permits being recommended for 2020. This unit is well under population objective and has been supplemented by transplant for the last 3 years.

Additionally, as one of the organizations that participated in updating the Statewide BHS management plan in 2018, we believe the permit recommendations were set as more of a guideline rather than hard numbers and want to reiterate our support for giving the DWR flexibility in determining appropriate permit numbers.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the DWR and its personnel for their continued commitment to BHS management and recovery throughout the State of Utah.

Respectfully, Utah WSF

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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Form Name:  
Submission Time:

April 2020 RAC feedback (Northern Region)  
April 4, 2020 7:05 pm

**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** Am I allowed to hunt this hunt if I've already harvested a Once-in-a-Lifetime Bison hunt?

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?** I would like to see hunters be an active part of managing the predator control. It could be handled like a depredation hunt where the hunters could apply for selection.

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?** I believe this should be implemented each year as it would definitely help maintain deer herd populations. I would also like to see the buck to doe ratios increased in the general season units.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:** I support the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?** if you draw a once and a lifetime tag or Limited entry, be given the option to exchange your general season deer tag in for that given unit. in other words be able to hunt your OIL animal along with your general season deer if the the general season tag coincides with your OIL tag. similar to the control permits.

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Deblois:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:** I oppose the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?** I have several questions. I am taking care not to support something I don't understand.

Is the goal to keep all the bison on the reservation? Why not allow bison to leave the reservation and expand their range?

Why not establish a population objective greater than zero in the Nine-mile unit?

Is the possibility of private property owners buying over-the-counter bison permits and killing bison every year a concern?

Is the possibility of private property owners monetizing access to private or public land for the purpose of hunting bison a cause for concern?

Without a hunt quota, is the DWR relying on the difficulty of access, terrain, and weather to limit the success rate of this hunt? This seems irresponsible. Guides & outfitters will monetize the opportunity and find a way to get clients in there- what's to stop them from legally killing all of them?

I don't understand this proposal. Humans and bison have a long and difficult history. Conservationists have worked hard to establish current populations in the Rocky Mountains. Now that bison have a foothold and are encroaching on livestock grazing areas, the proposal is to confine them to a specific geographic region or kill them? If that's the case I don't support this proposal. I'm all for hunting them in sustainable amounts. An unlimited quota, even in difficult circumstances, is unreasonable. Let them be bison.

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I support the proposal

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**After viewing the presentation about managing predatory wildlife species by Darren Debloois:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for managing predatory wildlife species?**

Great information but it doesn't apply to all regions. I have noted habitat reduction is effecting our big game populations more than predators in the area that I'm more familiar with. Although I have noted, dog harassment of game animals is getting to be more of a concern.

**After viewing the presentation about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit by Brad Crompton:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the proposal for the management of bison hunts in the Nine Mile, Range Creek Unit?**

Noted last time I was rafting on the Green 2 years ago that bison were in that area. Good plan.

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations by Covy Jones:**

I support the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 bucks, bulls and once in a lifetime recommendations?**

Sorry to see the mechanism of allowing the elderly top have a higher chance of drawing out end. May never get to hunt the Henry's. Only have 20 points, but who knows - I may still have another 5 years chance to draw in this area. Great area and well managed.

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 antlerless recommendations by Covy Jones:**

I oppose the proposal

**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 antlerless recommendations?**

In the Northern area (anterless elk), going from 740 to 730 (slight decrease), is not a big enough cut. Our party had two permits in that area in 2019. Hunted about every day hard in the back country most of the time. Didn't take a shot. Understand populations move up and down. However, we need to stop hunting in that area for elk for many years. I ride that country many times each year and have noted that the population on the north side of Logan canyon is all but wiped out. There is plenty of water and feed. The slow elk (cows), have taken over. We think it is by design. Money from grazing talks. You can't put your boot down in most all of the drainage's on the North side, without stepping in a cow pie. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see what is going on. It doesn't take a F&G Biologist to tell us. Personally I won't put in again in this area for elk until I see the population shift. Most all of us that frequent this area can see cause and effect.

**After viewing the presentation about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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**Do you have any additional comments about the 2020 CWMU antlerless permit recommendations?** Really didn't take time to watch it.

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**After viewing the presentation about the recommended changes to CWMU Rule R657-37 by Chad Wilson:** I am neutral on the proposal

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